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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH THE AMBASSADOR ON APRIL 16, FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL SAID THAT STATE SECRETARY GEHLHOFF HAD CARRIED OUT HIS INTENTION TO CALL IN SOVIET AMBASSADOR FALIN AND, IN EFFECT, TO READ FALIN THE RIOT ACT ABOUT CRUDE SOVIET ATTACKS ON FRG EASTERN POLICY GENERALLY AND ON FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER IN PARTICULAR (CF. PARA 5 OF REFTTEL). FALIN'S REACTION WAS DEFENSIVE, VAN WELL SAID. HE ARGUED, SOMEWHAT IMPROBABLY, THAT NO OFFENSE HAD BEEN INTENDED AND THAT THERE WAS CERTAINLY NO DESIRE ON THE PART OF THE SOVIETS TO DIMINISH GENSCHER'S PRESTIGE.

2. VAN WELL SAID THAT UNTIL NOW THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE PLAN FOR A VISIT BY GENSCHER TO THE USSR SOMETIME
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THIS SUMMER, PERHAPS BETWEEN THE SECOND AND THIRD STAGES

OF CSCE (AS INDICATED ALSO IN MOSCOW'S 3991). HOWEVER,
VAN WELL SAID, THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE SOME PROGRESS ON
THE VARIOUS DEADLOCKED ISSUES RELATING TO BERLIN BEFORE
SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE JUSTIFIED.
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